

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of forming a decorative motif on a component for a motor vehicle, ~~including said method comprising~~
a step of forming said component in a predetermined material,
a step of completely ~~metallising~~ metallizing said component; and
a step of exposing at least one surface of said ~~metallised~~ metallized component to laser radiation, to selectively remove, by laser radiation, the metal on at least one surface of said ~~metallised~~ metallized component;
wherein the method of forming a decorative motif does not involve the application of paint to said motif.
2. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of surfaces of said component are exposed to the said laser radiation.
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposing it to laser radiation is such that the ~~colour~~ color of said surface is modified with respect to the ~~colour~~ color of said plastics material.

5. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of exposure to laser radiation is performed by means of a laser selected from the group consisting of a YAG laser, a CO₂ laser, or a machining laser.

Claims 6-10 (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a mask of a lighting or indicating apparatus for a motor vehicle, said method comprising:

a step of ~~moulding~~ molding said mask in a predetermined material;

a step of completely ~~metallising~~ metallizing said mask with a metal layer;

and

a step of exposing a plurality of surfaces of said ~~metallised~~ metallized mask to laser radiation, to selectively remove, by laser radiation, the metal on said plurality of surfaces of said ~~metallised~~ metallized mask;

wherein the method of manufacturing a mask does not involve the application of paint to said mask.

12. (previously presented) A method of manufacturing a mask according to Claim 11, wherein a plurality of surfaces of said component are exposed to the said laser radiation.
13. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposing it to laser radiation is such that

the ~~colour~~ color of said surface is modified with respect to the ~~colour~~ color of said plastics material.

14. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the step of exposure to laser radiation is performed by means of a laser selected from the group consisting of a YAG laser, a CO₂ laser, or a machining laser.
15. (new) A method of forming a decorative motif on headlight for a motor vehicle, said method comprising
 - a step of forming a headlight of a predetermined material, and
 - a step of exposing at least one surface of said headlight to laser irradiation;wherein said predetermined material is a plastics material and said step of exposing said predetermined material to laser radiation is such that the color of said at least one surface is modified with respect to the color of said plastics material.